

17. The process of claim 1 wherein step (a) comprises mixing the cumene oxidation product with 60 percent acetone relative to the acetone produced during the decomposition reaction.--

REMARKS

Entry of the foregoing amendments is respectfully requested.

These amendments place the claims in the form of claims which are concurrently being deleted from copending parent application Serial No. 08/601,879.

The present claims 1, 2, 7 and 8 correspond to the same numbered claims from parent SN 08/601,879. The amendments herein to claim 1 are supported by the present specification at page 6, line 18 to page 7, line 12.

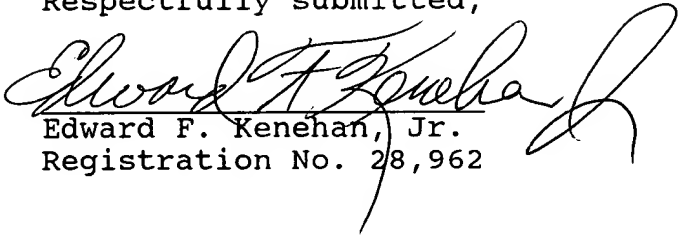
The present claim 9 corresponds to claim 15 from parent SN 08/601,879. A claim (numbered 21) corresponding to this claim has been rejected in copending Reexamination Serial No. 90/004314.

The present claim 10 corresponds to claim 21 from parent SN 08/601,879. A claim (numbered 39) corresponding to this claim has been rejected in copending Reexamination Serial No. 90/004314.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
RULE 60 CONT. OF SN 08/601,879
Page 7

The present claims 11-17 correspond to claims 22-28 from
parent SN 08/601,879.

Respectfully submitted,



Edward F. Kenenhan, Jr.
Registration No. 28,962

SUGHRUE, MION, ZINN,
MACPEAK & SEAS
2100 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037-3202
(202) 293-7060

Date: March 7, 1997